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WITH ENHANCED PROPERTIES AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MELT BLENDED HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE COMPOSITIONS WITH ENHANCED PROPERTIES AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, the specification of which is appended hereto and filed concurrently herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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